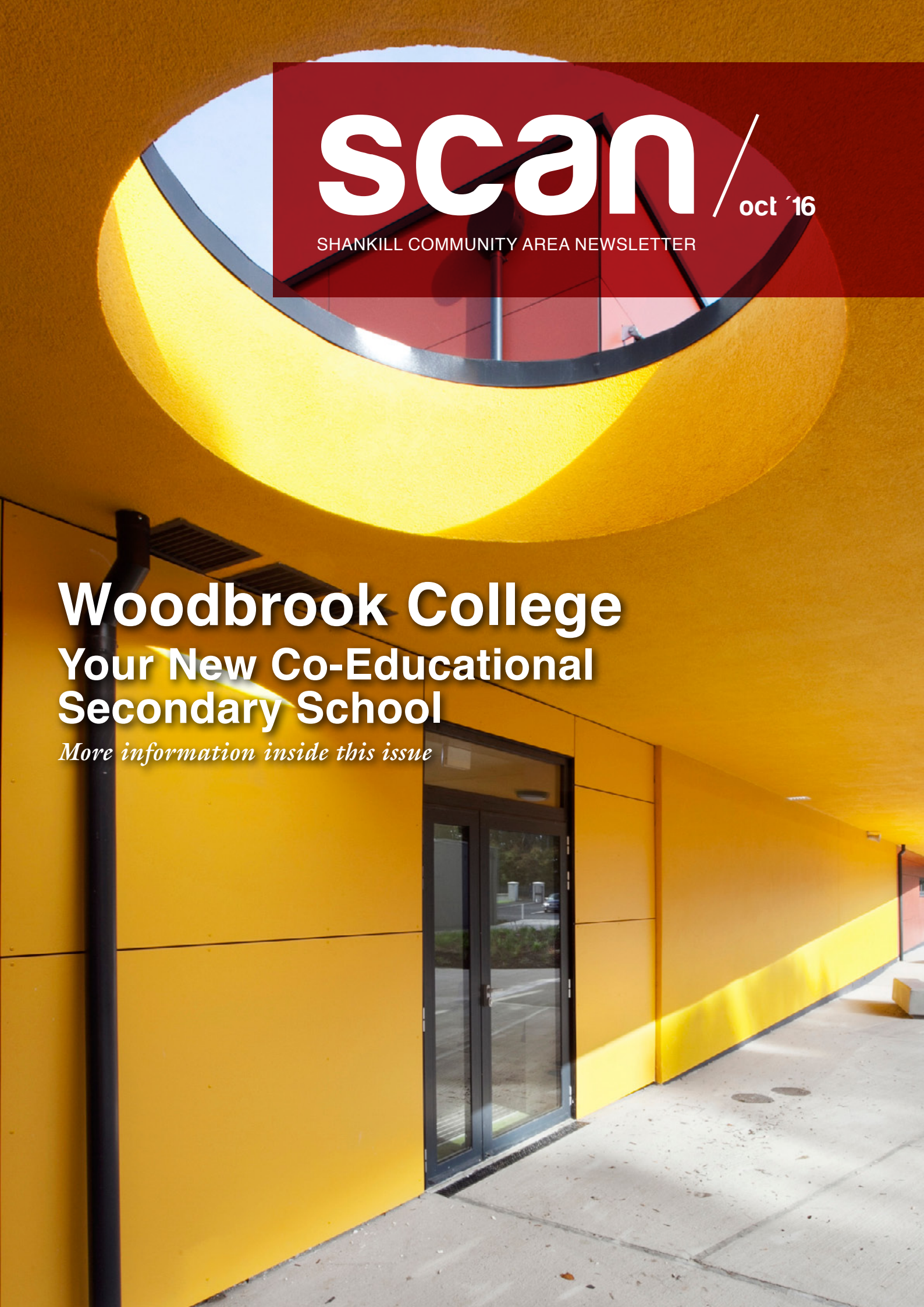

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Peggy Williams, RIP

The family of the late Peggy Williams, Foxes Grove, wish to express their gratitude to all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss. Sincere thanks to all who attended her funeral Mass, and to those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and who made donations to Irish Cancer Society. Special thanks to Fr John O'Connor PP and Fr Mike Reaume from St Laurence College for a beautiful funeral service. Thanks also to Collier's Funeral directors for all their help. We also appreciated the support from all Peggy's friends and colleagues in S.A.R.A., the I.C.A., Shankill Old Folks and all her wonderful neighbours.

Jack, Anne, Peter, Marian and Nancy.

Christopher Fennelly, RIP

Christy's wife, Ann, their daughters, Diane and Jane, and son-in-law John, would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with us on our recent sudden loss. Those who attended the funeral Mass, everyone who called to the house, sent Mass and sympathy cards, all our relatives, neighbours, and friends, Christy's many friends from Shankill Credit Union and Kilcoole Golf Club, the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital for their care and kindness. We thank Fr. John O'Connor for officiating at the house and the funeral Mass. Also, our thanks to Fr. Michael and Fr. Eamonn for care and kindness. We trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted by all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Calling Scrabble players!!
Anyone in the Shankill area who would like to get involved in regular Scrabble games with a view to setting up a 'group', please contact
Tim: 0877447358

Congratulations to the Irish Hockey team who qualified for the Rio Olympics. We are so proud of their achievement, especially two Shankill resident's **Alan Southern** and **Kyle Good**.

SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED AND DIVORCED-AND-RE-MARRIED PEOPLE

A support network for separated, divorced and divorced-and-re-married people has been set up within the St. Anne's Parish community and all are welcome to contact us by texting *087 3814213* or by emailing us at *listeningear14@gmail.com*

A supportive, compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly support group meetings. Some people may opt for both types of support, which are freely available to everyone.

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The Support Network
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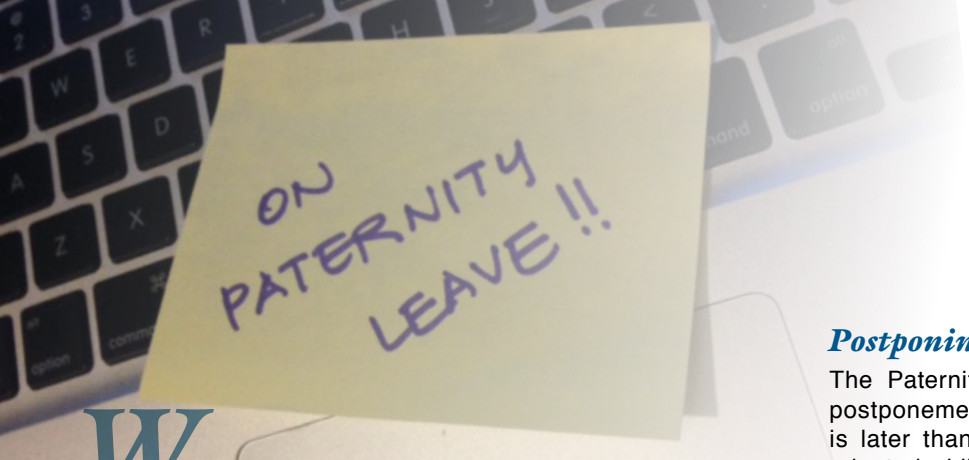

Citizens Information

With effect from 1 September 2016, new parents (other than the mother of the child) are entitled to paternity leave from employment or self-employment following birth or adoption of a child. The Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 provides for statutory paternity leave of 2 weeks. The provisions apply to births and adoptions on or after 1 September 2016. One can start paternity leave at any time within the first 6 months following the birth or adoption placement.

Payment during paternity leave - The entitlement to pay and superannuation during paternity leave depends on the terms of the contract of employment. Employers are not obliged to pay employees who are on paternity leave. A person may qualify for Paternity Benefit from the Department of Social Protection if they have sufficient PRSI contributions. However, an employee's contract could provide for additional rights to payment by the employer during the leave period, so that, for example, the employee could receive full pay less the amount of Paternity Benefit payable.

Who is eligible

Under the Act, a "relevant parent" for the purposes of paternity leave entitlement includes:

- The father of the child
- The spouse, civil partner or cohabitant of the mother of the child
- The parent of a donor-conceived child

In the case of an adopted child, the relevant parent includes:

- The nominated parent in the case of a married same-sex couple *or*
- The spouse, civil partner or cohabitant of the adopting mother or sole male adopter

The entitlement to 2 weeks' paternity leave from employment extends to all employees (including casual workers), regardless of how long they have been working for the organisation or the number of hours worked per week. If more than one child is born or adopted at the same time, for example, twins, one is only entitled to a single period of 2 weeks' paternity leave.

Taking paternity leave

An eligible person can choose to take paternity leave at any time in the 26 weeks following the birth or adoption. They must notify the employer in writing that they intend to take paternity leave and provide the intended dates no later than 4 weeks before taking the leave. They will be required to provide a certificate from the spouse or partner's doctor confirming when the baby is due, or confirmation of the baby's actual date of birth if they apply for leave after the birth has occurred. In the case of adoption, one must produce a certificate of placement in relation to the child.

Postponing paternity leave

The Paternity Leave and Benefit Act 2016 provides for postponement of paternity leave. For example, if the birth is later than expected or if the date of placement of an adopted child is postponed, one may postpone the date of the leave. Under Section 11, if one is sick before the paternity leave starts, one may postpone the paternity leave until one recovers. One should notify the employer in writing and provide evidence of the illness. If the baby is hospitalised, one can ask the employer in writing if one can postpone all or part of the paternity leave.

Public holidays and annual leave - Apart from pay and superannuation, time spent on paternity leave is treated as though one has been in employment, and this time can be used to accumulate annual leave and public holiday entitlement. Employers must keep records of paternity leave taken by their employees. These records must include the period of employment of each employee and the dates and times of the leave taken. Employers must keep these records for 8 years.

Returning to work

Under the Act, one is entitled to return to work to the same job with the same contract of employment. Section 23 of the Act states that -if it is not reasonably practicable for the employer to allow one to return to one's previous job - then the employer must provide one with a suitable alternative job. This new position should not be on terms substantially less favourable than those of the previous job.

Non-statutory paternal leave

Arrangements where employers provide this type of paid leave following the birth or adoption of a child is the result of negotiation and agreement reached between the employer and employee. These arrangements are not covered by employment law so if an employer agrees to provide time off to an employee as paternal leave for a specified period (either with or without pay), it is entirely discretionary. The employee usually applies for this leave in writing before the birth or adoption.

Paternity Benefit

One should apply for Paternity Benefit at least 4 weeks before the date you intend to start paternity leave. If one is self-employed one should apply 12 weeks before. One will be able to apply for Paternity Benefit online at *mywelfare.ie*. One must have a Public Services Card to apply for Paternity Benefit. The address for this benefit is: Paternity Benefit Section, Department of Social Protection, McCarter's Road, Buncrana, Co. Donegal. Source: www.citizensinformation.ie

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues. Or Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

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A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD

Dear Constituent,

Our country's economy has transformed itself, in the past 3/4 years to one of the best performing economies in Europe. The figures speak for themselves. On average, around 1,000 jobs have been added in the economy every week since the beginning of 2016. That is over 140 jobs per day - 7 days a week!

During the course of one week towards the end of September, I announced more than 1,350 new jobs created all over the country. These are long term sustainable jobs. I have been making and expect to make many such announcements before the end of the year. Each job not only transforms the life of the person getting work, but also their family and their community.

My target for 2016 is 50,000 new jobs. I believe this is achievable. For the first time in nearly a decade, there are now more than 2 million people at work in Ireland. However we cannot be complacent. There are still 170,000 people looking for work. It is only right that we build a fair and compassionate society.

It is my responsibility as a Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation to protect existing jobs and create the conditions for jobs growth.

In the past six months, I have made it my priority to target rural and regional Ireland where the recovery is moving at a slower pace. The implementation of the eight Regional Action Plans for Jobs (one of which includes Dublin) is one of the corner stones of my strategy to ensure equity and prosperity.

The figures point to success. In all regions, there has been a decrease in unemployment. For the first time in many years, 400 of our sons and daughters are returning home from foreign shores to work and live each week.

I am also encouraged to see the IDA and Enterprise Ireland, which come under the remit of my Department, break new record levels of investment, exports and job creation. 187,056 people are now employed in foreign direct IDA supported companies. Enterprise Ireland supports 192,223 people working in Irish indigenous companies. Local Enterprise Offices (LEO) supported just over 3,000 people back to work this year. Your local LEO, a first stop shop to support small business, is based in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council Office. Tel. 2047083

I am targeting Female Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Family Businesses, the Retail Sector, Long Term Unemployment and Youth Unemployment in the Action Plan for Jobs 2017. Female Entrepreneurship represents an untapped potential in the economy while the Retail Sector, employing 280,000 people was badly hit during the recession.

Our country is going in the right direction. Our jobs pipeline is strong. If you have any ideas how to grow more jobs, develop enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation, I invite you to contact me at mmitchelloconnor@gmail.com

Yours sincerely

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

Approval Of Payment Of Age Friendly Community Grants

Purpose
To seek Council approval of the DLR Age Friendly Grant Proposals as outlined on the attached schedule.

Background

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council became a signatory to the Dublin Declaration for Age Friendly Cities and Counties on the 13th June 2013. As a consequence of that commitment DLR, in collaboration with its partners, prepared an Age Friendly Strategy, which was formally adopted by the Council at its meeting on the 8th February 2016.

The strategy's vision is to make "DLR A Great Place in Which to Grow Old." It contains a range of actions under 9 themes which will contribute to the achievement of that vision. The themes include:

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community Support and Health Services
- Safety and Security

Implementing the Strategy

To support the early implementation of the Age Friendly Strategy and seek to raise awareness about the Age Friendly Programme, a once off, Age Friendly Community Grants Initiative was advertised on 18th May 2016 and published in the Dundrum and Dún Laoghaire Gazettes. A total of 8 submissions were received and assessed with 6 of the 8 submissions recommended for funding to a total value of €25,900.

The proposed grants are expected to support achievement of a number of aims in the Age Friendly Strategy and in helping to ensure that DLR is a great place in which to grow old. It is therefore recommended that the Age Friendly Grants be approved by Council.

Resolution: it is hereby resolved to formally approve payment of the grants outlined in the attached schedule, where supported by the appropriate documentation, in accordance with Section 66 and 67 of the Local Government Act 2001. Dearbhla Lawson Director of Economic, Community and Cultural Development September 2016 DLR Age Friendly Grants proposals No Electoral Area.

1 Killiney-Shankill Community Activity
Shankill Dance Theatre of Ireland
15 Weekly dance classes for 35 participants in Shankill Area supporting health and fitness and improved mobility and improves socialisation skills
€3,125 €2,500 €2,500

2 Dundrum Community Activity
St Johns Golden Age Ballinteer
Socialising Club for 100 older people living alone.
€1,250 €1,000 €1,000

3 Killiney-Shankill Community Activity
Shankill Daycare Centre
10 Tai Chi Classes for 60 day care users.
€1,000 €700 €700

4 County Wide Start Up Grant
ALONE Pilot Coordination Support Service.
1,000 clients anticipated in first year. Supporting older people to navigate through the range of public and private support services.
€40,000 €10,000 €10,000

5 County Wide Community Development
Garda Older Persons Association
Events targeting Nursing Home in Ballybrack and Loughlinstown supporting socialisation opportunities
€2,125 €1,700 €1,700

6 County Wide Community Development – Running Cost
Making Connections Befriending Service
35 New contacts trained as volunteers to support with undertaking weekly visits to older people.
Training costs are high due to emphasis on health and safety and Garda vetting.

Councillor
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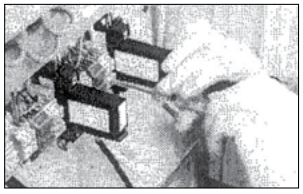

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Shankill Bowling Club

by Paddy Hughes PRO

Our Annual Captain's Day was held on Sunday 2nd August, and was hosted by Phil Furlong, Ladies' Capt., and Jim Kelly, Men's Capt.

A brilliant BBQ, cooked by Christy, Nuala and Mick, produced excellent fare, enjoyed by all. This followed after bowling and the tricky "Spider Games". There were spot prizes galore, with a good party atmosphere. Music was provided by the talented Phil Cannon, with Mick Ryan on guitar. Mick also acted as MC for the night. A cheerful sing-song followed, and a good night was had by all.

Ladies Bowling League of Ireland Division 1 was won by CYM-R/UP Crumlin. Shankill stayed up with 41.5 points. Herbert Park were in last place with 26 points. Leinster won Division 2, and are promoted to Division 1.

The Men's Senior Division 2 team had a worrying spell, as they languished at the bottom of the Division League table. However, with great resilience, they clawed their way back, with some good results (particularly the last game versus James' Gate) and therefore avoided relegation!

As the summer season draws to a close, and before the winter season starts, our Annual Club Trophy Competitions final was held on 17th and 18th September. Details of the competition results will follow in the next issue of SCAN. It has been a well-run season, and our compliments go to our competition's organizer, Joe Gregory.

NEW players are always welcome, and introduction coaching is free.
See you on the rinks!!!

Phil Furlong, Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor, Jim Kelly

Alan, Henry, Dennis, Pat – At the Captain's Day

Phil, Mick and Michael – Music and song

Recipes

Halloween

This is the month of Halloween when we celebrate the 'spooky' in the run up to winter. Here are two recipes – Zombie Fingers to make with the children and Pumpkin Soup to make what can be a tasteless vegetable into a tasty, nourishing and warming soup.

Zombie Fingers

These freaky edible fingers are naturally sweetened with dates - perfect for a spooky spread at a Halloween party for children.

Makes about 15

250g stoned dates
100g chocolate, chopped
3 tbsp smooth peanut butter
3 tbsp porridge oats
flaked toasted almonds

Tip all the ingredients except the almonds into a food processor and pulse until you have a rubbery looking mixture. Line a tray with baking parchment and mould the mixture into fingers, then lay them on the tray. Press an almond 'fingernail' into the end of each finger and place in the fridge to harden for at least 1 hr. Serve poking out of a bowl and watch the reactions!

Pumpkin Soup

A silky textured soup, can be sprinkled with crunchy croutons and seeds.

Serves 6

2 tbsp olive oil
2 onions, finely chopped
1kg pumpkin or squash, peeled, deseeded and chopped into chunks
700ml vegetable stock or chicken stock
142ml pot double cream
2 tbsp olive oil
4 slices wholemeal seeded bread - optional
handful pumpkin seed from a packet - optional

Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook 2 finely chopped onions for 5 mins, until soft but not coloured. Add 1kg peeled, deseeded and chopped pumpkin or squash to the pan, then carry on cooking for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden. Pour 700ml vegetable stock into the pan, then season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 mins until the squash is very soft. Pour the 142ml pot of double cream into the pan, bring back to the boil, then purée with a hand blender. For an extra velvety consistency you can now push the soup through a fine sieve into another pan. The soup can be frozen for up to 2 months.

While the soup is cooking, slice the crusts from 4 slices of wholemeal seed bread, then cut the bread into small croutons. Heat the remaining 2 tbsp olive oil in a frying pan, then fry the bread until it starts to become crisp.

Add a handful of pumpkin seeds to the pan, then cook for a few mins more until they are toasted. These can be made a day ahead and stored in an airtight container.

To serve:
Reheat the soup if needed, season to taste, then serve scattered with croutons and seeds and drizzled with more olive oil, if you want.

Note:
Other vegetables and herbs and spices of your choice can be added. See what's in the fridge that needs to be used up and in the store cupboard.

Cream can be replaced with creme fraiche, yogurt or a small amount of milk.

Tip:
Why not try...Taking the tops off whole acorn squash, scooping out seeds and roasting whole until tender. Stuff with goat's cheese and basil, then bake in the oven until the cheese has melted.

Recipes from www.bbcgoodfood.com

Shankill Community Games Update

Year 2 (Athletics, GAA and Soccer)

From a tentative beginning in 2015, Shankill as an area once again entered in the Community Games in 2016. The Shankill girls soccer team played against The Liberties and put up a great display to earn themselves runner up medals in Dublin. Both teams were delighted to return to the warmth of the clubhouse where an amazing array of refreshments was provided. Our girls U12 gaelic football team played at home in Shanganagh Castle against Stillorgan. They had a tough battle and played their hearts out. Our U14 girls gaelic football team played two matches travelling to Lusk where they played a very exciting game and were presented with bronze medals and more refreshments following their home game.

U14 Girls Gaelic Football team from Shankill at their match in Lusk

Shankill Sports Day

In April we held our Shankill Community Games sports day in Shanganagh Park. Children from 6 to 16 years of age took part in both short and long races and the long puck. It was a great community event with everyone doing a bit to ensure all events ran efficiently. Thanks to the community Garda, Fr. John (St. Anne's), Bray runners and the many parents who got involved.

Oh no, we're not competitive really! The big boys get their turn to race at the Shankill area sports day

Dublin Finals, Morton Stadium, Santry

Athletes who came first and second in Shanganagh were then eligible to compete in the Dublin Community Games Finals in Morton Stadium Santry. Relay teams were formed and training took place every Sunday evening and we were delighted to get some expert advice from Bray runners Richard Hourihan. On Sat. 18th June forty three Shankill athletes took to the track. They looked great in their green Shankill Community Games T- Shirts kindly sponsored by Simon Geelon. Excitement among the kids was palpable as they paraded around the track, stood proudly as the flame was lit and Amhrán Na bhFiann was played. The events got under way and there were many proud moments for all of the Shankill supporters. Those who made it through to the finals returned again to Santry on Sunday. Medal winners included Aoife Scally, Emily Counihan, Tiarnan Finn, Ozi Nwosu, Eoghan O'Hanlon, Shane Gevero (gold), Ciara Whelan and Girls U12 and Mixed U13 4x100m relay teams.

National Community Games Finals Athlone

The National Finals are a massive festival with 5,000 children from the 32 counties of Ireland taking part in activities ranging from Singing, Drama, Dance, Art, Handwriting, Swimming, Football, Gymnastics, Athletics and much more. The finals took place over two weekends in August. On the first weekend Ruairi Myers and Ciara Murray were part of the Dublin Cross Country Team and both ran very well doing Shankill and Dublin proud.

On the second weekend Ciara Whelan (long puck), Shane Gevero(100m) and the Mixed U13 relay team of Georgina Dowling, Ella O' Donnell, Ciara Murray, Ross Mason, Harry Simpson and Shane Gevero all headed to Athlone to compete as part of the Dublin squad.

Under 13 Mixed relay team representing Shankill and Dublin. Silver Medal Winners at National Finals in Athlone

Shane Gevero although carrying an injury displayed some of his magical talent to make it to the U14 100m final coming 5th in Ireland. No mean achievement and is still eligible to compete in U14 next year. The U13 mixed relay team did everything right to come 1st in both their heat and semi finals to make it through to the final. Down to the last 8 teams in Ireland they faced tough opposition and all ran to their best gaining vital seconds with great baton changes and a super final leg by Shane Gevero saw the team finish in 2nd place. Congratulations and well done Irish silver medallists.

And so with an immense sense of pride and community spirit we turn to thoughts of 2017. Check out the National Community Games website for all the possibilities. We will hold an AGM in early November with a church gate collection in St. Anne's Church on the weekend of 29th and 30th October to raise vital funds to keep us going.

Email: Shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com for any queries.

Shankill athletes line up for the parade at Dublin finals. (T-shirts kindly sponsored by Simon Geelon)

Gardening Tips

By Aoife Munn

I love autumn. The colours of the leaves make up for the darker evenings closing in, harvest time is a reward for all my efforts in the garden and Halloween just around the corner.

If like us, you are fond of carving pumpkins, you may have tried growing your own this year. If you have a few big ones you need to make sure they don't rot. You can do this by either gently placing a pallet under them or a bed of straw. Hold off on harvesting pumpkins till close to the big day to ensure they stay fresh.

However, there are plenty of other things to be harvesting in the garden now. Storing fruit correctly is important. You already know one bad apple can spoil the lot. If possible make sure no two pieces are touching and discard any bad or damaged fruit. Make as many jams and chutneys as you can to use it all up.

Many people tell you to cut back perennials that have died down at this time of year but personally I much prefer doing that in spring. I think the seed heads often look wonderful when dusted with frost and they are great in the house when flowers are hard to find in the garden. I like my garden a bit untidy not least because it encourages wildlife.

My favourite task at this time of year is sowing my hardy annuals. These annuals (plants that complete their life cycle in one year and don't come back) will flower much earlier for you if you plant them now instead of in spring. There are so many to choose from and so easy to sow. You can just sow them in a pot of compost or prepare the soil for seeds by removing weeds and creating a fine tilth (forking and then raking the soil). My favourites are Cornflowers, Nigella and Poppies but have a look at your local garden centre and you are sure to find something to impress. Make sure you buy Hardy annuals if you are buying for planting now as half hardy or tender will be killed by the frosts.

For anyone who's love of gardening is growing and wants to learn some more have a look at the courses on offer at the garden school *www.thegardenschool.ie*. I can honestly say it is the most rewarding pastime!

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Shankill Tidy Towns – It's A Matter Of Pride

By the time you read this, we will know the results of both the National Supervalu Tidy Towns competition and the Dun Laoghaire County Council's Tidy Districts Competition. We feel that we performed well this year and the village looked great and hopefully we'll have something to celebrate. To see how we did check our Website www.shankillmatters.com and on Facebook – Shankill Tidy Towns / Shankill Matters.

Thank you to all who contributed to Shankill Tidy Towns – we now have enough to buy and hire some much needed equipment, get some professional assistance and add a decorative feature to the entrance to Shankill. If you lost your envelope (or we didn't get to your area) send you can still drop it to us in Shankill Business Centre or donate online on *www.Shankillmatters.com*

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to our Community Employment worker, Ian Kennedy who has worked with us over the past 2 years. It is Ian we think of and thank when we see the lovely brightly painted ex-litter bins filled with flowers, the black painted square planters in the village and many other projects around the village. Ian also carried out regular litter-picks, flowerbed watering, graffiti cleaning and tidying all around Shankill. Unfortunately, Ian will finish his work with us in November – he'll be sorely missed.

During the darker winter months we have moved our TNT (Thursday Night Team) to Saturday mornings. If you would like to join us on any Saturday you're free, send your email and/or mobile number to *shankillmatters@gmail.com* and we will send you a text or email notification.

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We've started planning for 2017, if there are any projects you would like us to do in your area or have any suggestions, please email them to us at *shankillmatters@gmail.com.*

More Success for Loughlinstown Pitch & Putt Club

The Loughlinstown intermediate men's team recently won the Dublin County League. After a four year absence in this league it was a successful return to league competition. Having come through a very tough group, Loughlinstown had to beat the holders, RGSC, in the semi-finals. In the final, Loughlinstown then had to overcome Old County Pitch and Putt Club. Having seen the Loughlinstown Senior team lose their final a few weeks earlier, to the same club, there was a lot of pressure on. The Loughlinstown team got off to a great start in the final by taking the three doubles matches. It didn't take long for the required two single points to be secured, and the Loughlinstown team to be crowned Dublin County Champions 2016.

A Wonderful Achievement—Well Done!!

Post Polio Support Group Ireland

The Post-Polio Support Group (PPSG) has been presented with a painting of the distinguished Irish Patriot and Revolutionary, Sean Mac Diarmada, Proclamation Signatory, member of the Provisional Government and Polio Survivor. To acknowledge the special link between Polio Survivors and Sean Mac Diarmada, the artist Carol Quinn Wallace has donated a painting of Sean Mac Diarmada to the Post-Polio Support Group, to assist us in raising awareness and funds in support or Polio Survivors in Ireland, of which there are thought to be 7,000. Sean MacDiarmada was one of the leaders of the Irish Volunteers who instigated the 1916 Rising; he was one of the seven signatories of the Proclamation which was read out by P.H. Pearse outside the GPO in 1916. In July 1911, after organising opposition to the visit of King George V in Dublin, Sean contracted Polio – a rampant and feared disease at the time. He spent four months in the Mater Hospital. The illness had a devastating effect on him and aged him considerably - so much so, that friends did not recognise him in the street. Polio affected his right leg and he hobbled about on a cane or sometimes used a Hurley stick for support.

Overnight, Mac Diarmada went from a vigorous man of 29 years to one who, according to Madge Daly, a cousin of Tom Clarke's wife Kathleen, looked like a "delicate, bearded, middle aged man" walking on a crutch. He used a walking stick for the rest of his life. On the morning of the rising, Easter Monday 1916, Sean, because of his infirmity, took a taxi from Liberty Hall to the GPO and thus started his Revolution. He was possibly the only world revolutionary to go to war in a taxi! Sean wore no uniform nor fired a shot but he was present in the GPO as a member of the Provisional Government. Thursday May 12th 2016 was the centenary of the execution of Sean Mac Diarmada and it was a singular honour for the Post-Polio Support Group to be invited to, and be recognised, by the Department of Social Protection in its formal tribute to Sean Mac Diarmada, at Áras Mhic Dhiarmada. PPSG were also delighted to meet some of the family of Sean Mac Diarmada, who are still living in Ireland.
The presentation of the Carol Quinn Wallace portrait of Sean Mac Diarmada was made at the launch of an exhibition of paintings by the artist called "A Nation Rises", at The National Maritime Museum of Ireland, in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

The Post-Polio Support Group is working to raise awareness of the continuing difficulties faced by those who survived the original virus in Ireland in the 50s and 60s, during the polio epidemics. 7,000 Survivors of Polio are estimated to live in Ireland today, with many people still living with disabilities brought on by the disease. Others are suffering from the late effects of Polio, also known as Post-Polio Syndrome, significantly increasing their disability and causing pain and fatigue later in life.

The Post-Polio Support Group was established for Polio Survivors by Polio Survivors in 1993. We are the only organisation in Ireland providing practical support (and sometimes more importantly a listening ear) to those unfortunate enough to have contracted Polio when babies or young children. We provide stair lifts, callipers, bespoke footwear, electric scooters and wheelchairs. We also help Survivors access Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Respite Breaks, as well as other supports. The group works to raise awareness, provide information on Polio and its late effects and to ensure Polio Survivors can live with dignity.

For further information please contact:
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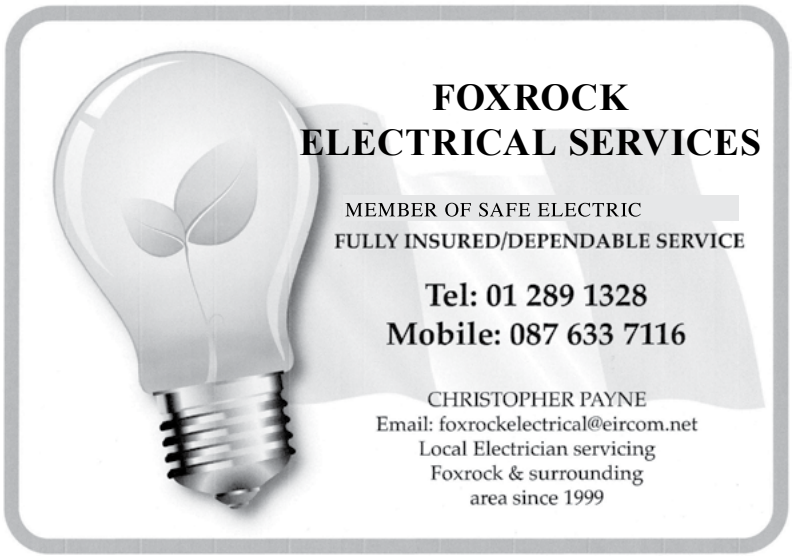

Interview with *Sheila Thomson*

In conversation with Ailish Connelly

The community of Shankill and the newsletter SCAN has bid adieu to one of its founder members, in the form of the redoubtable and able lady Sheila Thomson. Sheila has dedicated over 25 years to SCAN newsletter and the community it serves.

"Shankill is a wonderful community and I've been so lucky, to live here, and then to become involved in this project. It developed firstly from all the Residents Associations and clubs in Shankill which led to the establishment of the Shankill Community Association and eventually its mouthpiece; SCAN. I eventually became treasurer," Sheila tells me.

Sheila said she left after 6 years and was persuaded to return by Brid Meehan who saved the community go-to-newsletter when it was threatened with closure in 2002.

"Brid felt, as I do now, and did then, that this was a venture worth saving. She gathered a team around and it included me..again. It seems they couldn't keep me away."

I ask her what her tasks involved over the years.

"Well, I was treasurer mostly, but since 2012, when it was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, I become company secretary. Being treasurer means chasing up advertisers and we did a lot of that."

She laughs adding it's a peril of the job!

"I helped produce and deliver and I will still continue to deliver the newsletter."

So Shankill and its environs won't lose Sheila entirely.

Sheila tells me she found the pressure of the job difficult at times, of copy and ads and working to deadlines. But the joys for her were apparent too: when the newsletter came out each month and the positive feedback from Shankill's many residents.

Were there memorable events?

"Again in 2009 we were in bad financial straits but with the help of Alan Kirk of Rathmichael Residents Association and support from the public, we were able to keep going. I knew again that SCAN was worth saving."

"And in 2013 we had a party to commemorate 40 years of SCAN in St Anne's NS Hall, sponsosred by local county councillor Carrie Smyth. It was a wonderful evening."

I ask her how she feels about leaving and the newly revived SCAN.

"I'm delighted that we have a new young team who have volunteered and are working hard to carry on the newsletter. Shankill deserves a great resource like this. When people move from outside, they realise how much is going on here, all the clubs and societies, the great location between the mountains and the sea. And they love to find a copy of SCAN popping into their letterbox giving them local news, and information of all sorts including local traders and businesses."

Sheila is looking forward to her future, to more travel and to more community involvement of some sort. She hasn't decided quite what yet.
One thing is for sure, this lady is not one to put her feet up for too long.

"For the moment, you may find me crewing on a Shannon–One–Design boat on Lough Rea and Lough Derg at weekends. And spending time with my family and friends."

"I would like to sincerely thanks all the SCAN teams over the years especially Brid Meehan, whom I worked with for years and Barbara Lyons who is part of the new team. Good luck to them for the future."

And will you miss it Sheila?

She twinkles at me, *"the work…not in the least, the people yes. But I'm still happy to deliver!"*

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

I wish to inform residents that Councillors were recently informed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Council that a review of the adopted Woodbrook/Shanganagh Local Area Plan is now becoming due. The following is an outline of this review process:

The existing Woodbrook-Shanganagh LAP 2006-2016 is due to expire later this year in November 2016. Zoning Objective A1 'To provide for new residential communities in accordance with approved local area plans' pertains to the subject lands and, as such, it is imperative that a new plan be prepared as expeditiously as possible, particularly in the context of the housing supply crisis and the Government's Housing Action Plan 'Rebuilding Ireland', July 2016. Indeed, Section 19 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) obliges a Planning Authority to commence a review of a LAP for an area at least every six years after the making of the previous LAP.

The review / preparation of a new plan, alongside the suite of initiatives at Government level to resolve infrastructure blockages, should ultimately release these residentially zoned lands for housing and enable the Council to then proceed with an application for a housing scheme on the lands at Shanganagh Castle. The extent and scale of the review will be dictated largely by (i) any fundamental changes/updates in local circumstances and, (ii) any 'shifts' in National/Regional/Local policy direction since the original LAP was adopted and thereafter extended. Irrespective of the degree or scale of change considered necessary, the review 'process' must adhere to statutory provisions in relation to the preparation and making of LAPs, including timeframes and consultation protocols, as set out in Sections 18-20 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

Having regard to the above, a multi-disciplinary in-house project team is being set up and work is commencing on the review process for the Woodbrook-Shanganagh LAP. It is envisaged that a discussion draft will be available for consideration by the Members some time in Q1 2017. To achieve this very tight timeline it will be necessary to curtail any pre-draft consultation process to the statutory minimum as set out in Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended).

Thereafter, the statutory process and timeframe of circa 35 weeks would apply to any Draft LAP, with the result that any new LAP could potentially come into effect by Q4 2017. In the unlikely event of no modifications arising from the display of the draft plan, any such new LAP could potentially be accelerated and come into effect by by late Q2 / early Q3 2017.

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Woodbrook College News

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Co-Education

The school is delighted to welcome our first cohort of girls to Woodbrook College. After just one week they have completely settled in and it feels like they have always been here. The Department of Education and Skills formally ratified our change of status to co-education on August 26th, 2016.

State Examination Results

Congratulations to all of our Leaving Certificate students on the excellent results they received in August. Great credit to them all, their teachers and their parents. Most of the 6th year students are now looking forward to their chosen college course and we wish them the best of luck for the future. Special congratulations to Rory Ellard who received 580 points and was our top scoring student. Rory is beginning actuarial studies in UCD in September.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The following extra-curricular activities have already started for this year.

Soccer – 1st Year, Junior, Minor and Senior

Gaelic – 1st Year, Minor and Senior

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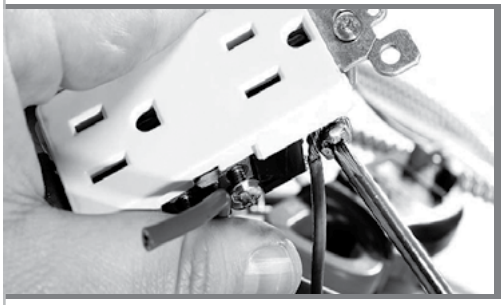

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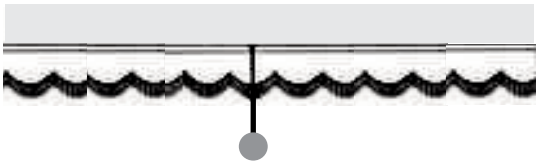

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Shankill Classical Music Club

Bach (1685-1750) and Handel (1685-1759)

The first session of the new season featured music by Johann Sebastian Bach, presented by Bernard Clarke, and George Frideric Handel, presented by Jim Bruce. Born within a month or two in early 1685, a hundred or so miles apart in the eastern part of Germany, these two giants of baroque music had very different careers. Bach, the devoted family man, son and father of generations of musicians, lived all his life in towns and courts within a small radius of his birthplace. His work revolved largely around the weekly grind of writing, performing and conducting vocal music for church use, although with substantial amounts of instrumental secular music as well. But from that base he nevertheless was fully aware of and drew on the most up-to-date styles of music in France and Italy. Handel was more cosmopolitan: son of a barber-surgeon, and initially devoting himself to music in the face of family resistance, he travelled widely when young, especially to Italy, absorbing influences everywhere. But he settled in England for most of his later life, achieving enormous success firstly with Italian-style operas, and then effectively creating the new genre of religious oratorio, most famously Messiah, which had its first performance in Dublin in 1742. A morbid feature was that both suffered in later life at the hands of the same quack eye-surgeon, with miserable outcomes in both cases!

In their forty-five minutes each, Bernard and Jim illustrated many of the genres of both composers, interspersed with biographical details and interesting and amusing anecdotes. Both composers were virtuosos on harpsichord and organ, and we had fine solo and concerto examples of each. Vocal music included a movement from the great B minor Mass by Bach, and operatic and oratorio arias by Handel. Book-ending the evening were orchestral pieces, a movement from a suite by Bach and a couple of movements from Handel's Royal Fireworks Music in a legendary – and still spectacular-sounding – recording from 1959 conducted by Charles Mackerras, featuring dozens of oboes, bassoons, horns, trumpets and drums, recreating as far as possible the sound of the famous first performance of 1749.

The last four sessions of the 2015-2016 season, presented by Frank Murray, Gerry Hickey, John Ashworth and John O'Hagan, featured a very wide range of styles of music, from 14th century choral to 20th century orchestral, obscure rarities and familiar masterpieces, famous performers of the past and today's superstars. There's always something for every taste!

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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School News in scan

St. Annes's National School

School years roll by very quickly and in the blink of an eye, our Junior Infants grow up and become our Graduation class. This year marked the graduation of amazing classes, but it also marked the end of the teaching career of Mr. Halligan who surprised us all with the announcement of his retirement in June. Over the course of an amazing career, his wit and quirky sense of humour delighted and entertained his pupils. His interest in gemstones sparked new interests in our pupils. His amazing gift with words entertained us at the end of year shows and kept us busy in class.

Happy retirement wishes from all in the St. Anne's National School community.

Great Irish Scientists You May Never Have Heard Of

by Dr. Noel Moore

Mary Ward (27 April 1827 – 31 August 1869)

Mary King was born to an Anglo-Irish family near Ferbane, Co Offaly. At that time, girls received little encouragement in education in general, and especially in the sciences. However, Mary was born at a special time, in a special place and to a special family. She was educated at home as was typical for girls from aristocratic families at that time. From the age of three, she had started collecting insects, particularly butterflies. She loved looking at her collection through a magnifying glass and delighted in making drawings of what she saw. Her parents rewarded their daughter's curiosity with a gift of a fine microscope from London, following the advice of renowned astronomer Sir James South, who had watched Mary and suggested her parents encourage her. It was probably the best instrument of its type in Ireland at the time and Mary put it to good use constantly improving her techniques and learning everything she could about microscopy. She prepared her own samples with skill that would, even today, be regarded as expert level.

At the time, women could not enter universities nor participate in scientific discourse. However, Mary wanted to have her voice heard and so in 1857, at age 30, she self-published her first work "Sketches with a Microscope". Her plain style and beautiful illustrations made her work so popular that it was picked up by a London publisher the following year and released as "The World of Wonders as Revealed by the Microscope". The volume was reprinted several times, such was its appeal.

Her first cousin, William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse had built the world's largest telescope nearby at Birr Castle. Mary was a frequent visitor to the castle and took a keen interest in astronomy too. She also recorded the design and construction at various stages of the development. Her sketches, together with the photographs taken by William's wife (also Mary) allowed the reconstruction of the famous telescope in 1999. When William was made President of the Royal Society in London in 1848, visits to his London home gave Mary an opportunity to meet with many eminent scientists, such as another Irishman, Sir William Rowan Hamilton. Mary often wrote to many of these scientists asking probing questions about their work. She also illustrated books for Sir David Brewster, eminent physicist and inventor of the kaleidoscope.

In 1854, Mary married Henry Ward who would later become the 5th Viscount Bangor of Castle Ward in Co. Down. They had eight children and lived for a time in Dun Laoghaire, although Henry's interests and election to the House of Lords kept him away from his family a great deal. In 1869, Mary and Henry were travelling in a steam powered car with sons of William Parsons who had designed and built the vehicle. Near Birr, Co. Offaly (then known as Parsonstown), Mary was thrown from the vehicle on a bend and died at the scene from a broken neck. This untimely ending made her the first person in the world to die in an automobile accident.

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School News in scan

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A visit from Feathered Friends

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Children with the owl and with the pastel doves.

Dragon's Den comes to Scoil Mhuire

Ms. Feighan's 5th Class took part in an in-school BizWorld workshop, which encourages enterprise, creativity and money management in schools and is sponsored by the Local Enterprise Office of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The initiative showed the children how to set up mini businesses. They were divided into teams and the winning team was invited to present their idea at the Enterprise Showcase Morning in the U.C.D. Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School.

The "Zoo and You Team" pictured as they prepare to pitch their new business idea to the Dragons using Powerpoint presentation and their handmade merchandise.

Second Class visit to Bank of Ireland, Cornelscourt

As part of the "Time to Read" programme the Bank of Ireland invited Second Class children to visit the bank. They got to see how the A.T.M. works and were treated to lots of goodies.

Ms. McDonagh's class on their recent visit the Bank of Ireland.

A Musical Excursion

Ms. Barrett's class visited the National Concert Hall and took part in a traditional Irish Music workshop. They learnt about the instruments and the different types of Irish music. They even composed a tune with the help of the facilitators!

Ms. Barrett, her class and parent, Linda Devlin, on the steps of the National Concert Hall.

Sixth Class Trip to Dáil Eireann

Just before Election 2016, Sixth Class visited Dáil Eireann. They got a very interesting tour of the Dail and Senate but didn't see any T.D.s or Senators because they were all out canvessing!

children on the steps outside the Dáil after their tour.

Garda Band performs in Scoil Mhuire

The Garda Band visited the school and charmed the children by playing tunes they knew and could sing along to. It was a very enjoyable experience and we hope that they will visit us soon again!

Senior Infants accompanying the Garda Band.

Pat Pat Seaver, director of Blackrock Education Centre, presenting a special award for outstanding achievement to Ms. Downey's Second Class for the best ever set of entries for "Write-a-Book". Also in the picture, Geraldine McGrath, Literacy Co-ordinator, Margaret Nolan, Pat Seaver, Patricia Slavin, Principal and Edel Downey, Class Teacher.

Ms. McDonagh produced another terrific musical with her class. This year's production was "Oliver"

Local History Society Lectures

Rathmichael Historical Society

Wednesday, October 5th at 8 p.m: Con Manning will present his lecture *'Gordon McDonald Hills and his Watercolours of Round Towers'* in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin.
All welcome.

Mount Merrion Historical Society

Thursday, October 6th at 8 p.m: Diarmaid Ó Grada will present his lecture *'Georgian Dublin'* in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Irish Railway Record Society

Thursday October 13th at 8 p.m: Bill Garrioch will give an illustrated talk *'Irish Trams'* in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8.
Members and their guests only.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society

Thursday October 13th at 8 p.m: Dr. Róisin Kennedy will present her lecture *'A Dissenting Eye – The Art of William Orpen'* in Glealbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – Contribution €3.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society

Wednesday October 19th at 8 p.m: Lar Joy will present his lecture *'Bombshell and Bullet Holes, stories of 1916'* in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
All welcome –admission €3.50.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

Thursday 20th at 8 p.m: Lorraine Kennedy Stephens will speak about *'Bill Stephens, the Fairview Lion Tamer, and his Bray connections'* in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow.
All Welcome – Visitors €5.

Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society

Thursday October 20th at 8 p.m: Garrett Lyons will present his lecture *'Steaming to Kingstown and sucking up to Dalkey: The Dublin / Kingstown Railway'* in Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.
All welcome.

Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA)

The Daycare Centre is in full swing for autumn and the winter months ahead. We had a very successful outing to Castletown House in Celbridge, Co Kildare on 17th August. Clients had a three course lunch with lots of choices on the menu in the Housekeepers Room, an old world setting. This was followed by a tour of the house and time to enjoy the grounds. The attention of the staff in accommodating us added to the enjoyment of a great day out. We very much appreciate the regular financial donations resulting from the collection in Brady's which helps us fund our activities.

The Wednesday Tea Club has started up after the summer break. It is open to everyone over 60 in the Shankill area, from 2 to 4pm each Wednesday. Tea, sandwiches and cakes are provided as well as a raffle, bingo, monthly entertainment and outings. New members are always welcome and can join at any time during the year. It is a popular social event and everyone gets a great welcome. Contact Jacinta on 012826364 at the Daycare Centre to find out more and join in the chat and friendship. Don't forget the Book Sale on Saturday 1st October of from 10am to 1pm for a huge selection of quality books of every description.

Currently there are vacancies for volunteers to join the team at the Daycare Centre – we could not function without the generosity of our willing helpers. Why not enquire about being on the rota (usually one morning every 3 weeks). You may be interested in helping with other parts of the service such as the monthly Book Sale, delivering Meals on Wheels, entertaining at the Wednesday Tea Club or helping with lifts to the Centre. If you have a talent that you think we could use, please get in touch! Enquires are always welcome.

Contact Nurse Manager,
Jacinta O'Sullivan on 01 2826364
for further information about any of these matters.

See ***www.shankilloldfolks.com***

Proposed housing at Shanganagh Castle, Shankill

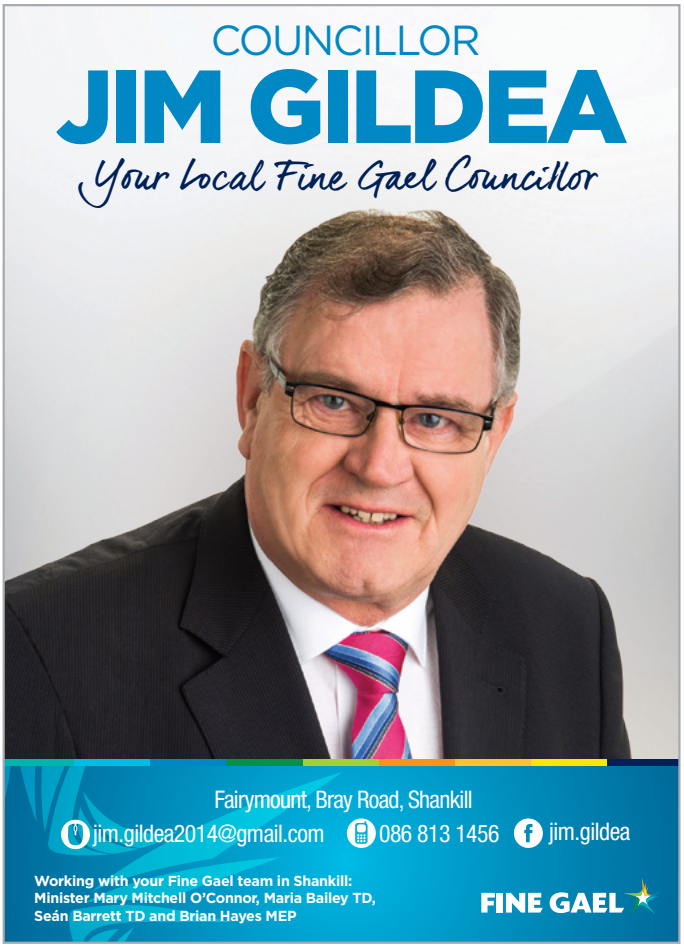
At the July meeting of the County Council the Chief Executive presented a proposal for the construction of houses in the county over the next five years. Included in her proposal is a plan to construct about 550 public/private houses on some 8.7ha of the total of 11.2ha of lands at Shanganagh Castle, Shankill. It is proposed to develop this site under a public private partnership with the intention of providing a mix of tenures to ensure the development of a sustainable community. This will include social, affordable, cost rental and private units. The site has infrastructural deficits in terms of water and drainage upgrades. However it has been identified as part of Irish Waters' Capital Investment Programme and it is intended to therefore proceed with drafting of plans for a Architectural / Construction Competition to ensure optimum delivery. The Planning Authority are also in communication with NTA with regard to the provision of a new train station at Woodbrook.

Local Area Plan Woodbrook / Shanganagh

The existing Woodbrook/Shanganagh Local Area Plan (LAP) was adopted in 2006 within the lifetime of the LAP being extended in 2011 until November 2016. The undertaking of this LAP has taken on increasing significance given the following:

- Irish Water's recent commitment to the implementation of the Old Conna/Woodbrook Water and Drainage Scheme
- The inclusion of a rail station at Woodbrook within the NTAs recently adopted Transport Strategy 2016-2035
- The potential to deliver between 2,000 – 3,000 residential units (depending on the mix-of-uses)

The review process in relation to the Local Area Plan will be commencing shortly.



School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

The children returned to school late in August this year. The weather improved and indeed it was quite warm.

Our church and school fete took place in the school. This event meant that we had a baptism of fire for the beginning of term! How and ever despite difficult weather on the day the community rallied. It was well attended and there was a great atmosphere. It enabled our new families to really immerse themselves in the school.

We now soldier on and children are settling well into their new classes. Already we have had planting in the school. Windyridge Garden Centre send a lovely girl, Aoife Munn, to plant with us each year. They supply all the resources and give a very environmentally friendly talk on gardening to the children.

We are planning a Friendship Week which will involve a display by all classes, an assembly and classes 'buddying up' with each other to work together. For instance 6th and Junior Infants. They might read together or talk in Irish together or just share pictures. This collaboration must be encouraged. It helps build self- esteem and encourages the children to cooperate and learn from each other at all age levels.

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SHANGANAGH CEMETERY: MICHAEL BOWLES

by Gabriel Conroy

In our National Symphony Orchestra we have a professional ensemble that can match the best in the world. But during the dark days of the Emergency (or World War II as it is known elsewhere), there was not much cultural fare available to Dublin's music fans. On 17 October 1941, The Irish Times complained that 'this city has no concert hall, and there is virtually no cheap musical entertainment of a classical nature'. However, as the paper also reported, a remedy was at hand in the form of a 'new series of "popular" symphony concerts at "popular prices"'. The man responsible for this initiative was Lieutenant Michael Bowles of the Irish army.

Thanks to the foresight of General Risteárd Mulcahy, our first army chief of staff, a coterie of home-grown skilled musicians was produced by the Army School of Music. Among them was a young officer named Michael Bowles. In January 1941, he was seconded to Radio Éireann as conductor of the station's unnamed house orchestra. There he found a band of part-time, poorly-paid musicians who rarely got to play in public. Bowles wasted little time in putting the orchestra in front of a live audience when he launched a programme of symphony concerts at the Round Room of the Mansion House. The first of these featured the Cork-born pianist, Charles Lynch, in the Irish première of Rachmaninov's recently-composed Paganini Rhapsody. Critical and popular reaction was rapturous and a pattern for regular orchestral concerts was set that continues to this day.

As the orchestra went from strength to strength, Bowles left the army to become Director of Music at Radio Éireann. Throughout the 1940s he offered ambitious programmes that combined well known classics, such as Beethoven's Fifth, with modern works by Irish composers including Frederick May and Ina Boyle. Years later one commentator described the period as a 'Golden Age' for Dublin's concert-goers.

Bowles managed to secure more pay for the players and he also persuaded the powers-that-be to enlarge the orchestra to sixty-two musicians, effectively establishing what would later be known as the National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland. However, when the new ensemble gave its inaugural concert atthe Phoenix Hall on 14 February 1948, it was the French-born Jean Martinon - and not Michael Bowles - who wielded the conductor's baton. Thinking he was being pushed out by the bureaucrats in charge, Bowles chose to resign. He left Ireland and, with the encouragement of the renowned maestro Adrian Boult, he went on to pursue an international conducting career that brought him around the globe.

In 1970 Michael Bowles came back to live in his native country but, as far as Dublin's music scene was concerned, he mostly kept a low profile. Then, in February 1998, he was invited to attend the golden jubilee of the orchestra he had founded. Still feeling sore at how he was treated a half-century before, he stayed at home. He died less than two months later in his eighty-ninth year and is buried in Shanganagh Cemetery.

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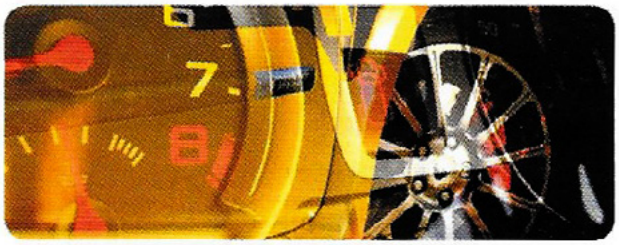

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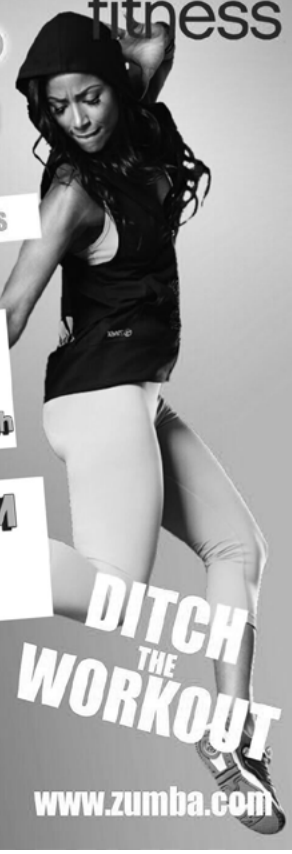

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YOUTH CORNER

by Jessie Dingle

"Birds we saw on the Barge Trip"
by Meadhbh Dingle age 11

This month's NATURE fact:

Did you know frogs can't swallow with their eyes open?!

How to make Brownies that are to die for!

Ingredients:

1/6 caster sugar
5oz plain flour
2 and a half oz cocoa
4oz milk chocolate
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8oz butter melted and cooled
4 eggs

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This month's HISTORY fact:

Did you know Hawaii was originally called Sandwich Islands?!

URGENT!

We would love more young people to contribute to our creative corner! Have you got an article, nature/history fact, a joke or a riddle? If so email them to me at: *dingle_jessie@yahoo.ie*

Got a picture you drew or painted? Scan it into your computer and send it to the email address above. You might end up in SCAN!

Allotment News

Readers may be interested in this short update from a Shanganagh Castle allotment owner.

Working an allotment has to be one of the best demonstrations of optimism! Every March, the many challenges posed by weather, pests and diseases are forgotten and planting begins anew with the same enthusiasm & visions of bountiful crops springing forth from every seed packet!

And sometimes, through the amazing miracle of nature, that is indeed what happens. This year I had an abundance of beetroot, lettuce, French Beans, peas & potatoes and the fattest radishes I ever saw! My perpetual spinach continues to grow faster than I can pick it and my corn cobs are fattening up nicely (& with the lovely early Autumn heat, they may even ripen too!) My Broad Beans did suffer a bit from rust but it seemed to affect only the leaves and pods – the beans inside were shiny-skinned and unblemished. Slugs feasted on my potatoes but left plenty for us too, though I didn't risk baking any whole just in case I'd find some unexpected 'meat' in the middle!

Without doubt, the best decision I made this year was to get a handyman to make raised beds for me out of decking planks; it is so much easier to work these smaller, defined areas than have the whole plot looking at you in March, waiting to be dug and planted!

One thing I learnt last year, and put into practice this year, was to pick everything while it is still young, small, sweet & tender. It's tempting to let things grow as big as possible but unless you're planning to enter your enormous marrow in a Horticultural Show, small is best. Bigger vegetables tend to have lost their flavour and can become woody and stringy quite suddenly. Contrary to what you might expect, 'impatience' to harvest is actually rewarded, not only with superb flavour but also with a bigger yield, because the earlier frequent picking encourages the plant to keep producing.

Pigeons are not as stupid as they might look – they seem to know that the stuff they like best is whatever you have tried to protect with netting! Their solution is simply to land on top of the netting to weigh it down while they peck at the tasty leaves underneath! I found my scarecrow (or should I say scarecrow-ess) very effective at keeping the birds at bay, though of course she didn't faze the slugs!

A fellow allotment owner saved me a red face and a sick stomach when he explained that my potatoes were not actually 'tomatoes' as I had reported to him excitedly, having discovered what looked for all the world like small green tomatoes on my potato plants. I'd read about tomatoes in a gardening magazine – they are a cross between a potato and a tomato from which you can harvest both! I had never seen fruits on a potato plant before but apparently they are quite normal. However, they are not good to eat.

This was just one of many new things I learnt this season. As a relative beginner, I continue to make mistakes. I still haven't mastered the art of thinning (and don't know that I ever will because it involves overcoming my desire to give every seedling its chance!) Neither have I got the hang of sequence sewing (ie sowing a row or two of quick-growing things like lettuce every 3 weeks or so). It's hard to hold back once you have the packet of seeds in your hand!

The result is that everything comes together. However, family, neighbours and work colleagues are usually more than happy to use any surplus. Actually, giving produce away is one of the many pleasures of being an allotment owner. For me though, nothing will surpass seeing the wonder and delight on the faces of my two little grandchildren when I opened a pea pod & showed them the row of peas tucked up inside! They had such fun 'helping' me to shell the morning's pickings.

I can't finish without mentioning the great work done by the allotment 'Meet & Greet' team (they don't want to call themselves a committee) who have done a terrific job liaising with Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council on behalf of the 100 or so allotment owners. Thanks to them we now have use of a lovely big porta-cabin as well as toilets & last Sat we enjoyed an end of season picnic & BBQ for which the sun came out after the day's rain had watered all our allotments for us!

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Academy
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St Anne's Junior Infants
St Anne's new junior infants class spent their first day in school with us in Shanganagh Park in a meet and greet and fun training morning. We wish them well in their school days ahead and look forward to seeing them at our Academy.

Juvenile Teams
Currently we have boys and girls teams under 7, 8, & 9 years playing hurling, football and camogie; girls under 10 & 12 years playing football; and boys under 13 years playing football. If you are interested in playing Gaelic games please contact us.

Adult Football Team
Our adult football team is already planning for the new season and if you would like to play for the team or assist in any way contact Kevin on 086 844 9902. Note: There is no truth in the rumour that our forwards are attending Specsavers Stillorgan!

Kate Kennedy
Shankill's very own Kate Kennedy was selected as goalkeeper on the Dublin under 12 team to play at half-time of the Leinster Ladies Senior Championship in Portlaoise. Well done Kate!

Summer Camp
Our summer camp, sponsored by **Specsavers Stillorgan**, was an outstanding success once again. Steve Davis was in charge. Approximately 120 boys and girls attended. Coaches included Dublin Senior Footballers Niamh Collins, Emma McDonagh and Amy Connolly. It was fun and games all the way and everyone looked brilliant in their spanking new summer camp tops.
On the final day we had the presentation of medals and certificates by Dublin players Dotsy O'Callaghan, Molly Lambe and Con O'Callaghan. A good time was had by all.

Games Promotion Officer
GPO Steve Davis will again this year be visiting Scoil Mhuire, Rathmichael, St Anne's and Gaelscoil Phádraig on a weekly basis. Be sure to say hello to Steve. This program is jointly funded by the Shankill GAA Club and Dublin County Board.

Golf Classic
The club held our first ever Golf Classic this year in Powerscourt Golf Club. Sponsored by **John Brady** it was a great success.
A special thanks to the teams and various people who helped us to make this event happen. We finished off with a great night in Brady's.

Club Development Fund Lotto
We are delighted to announce the launch of our club lotto which is sponsored by **Slimming World Shankill**. The lotto is to generate funds for the future development of the club. Just match four numbers and win. Tickets are €2 each and the first Jackpot is €500. There is a special deal of €50 for 30 weekly draws. If the jackpot is not won there are two lucky dips for €20 and one for €10. The jackpot will rollover each week with €50 added. The draw will take place every Thursday evening in Brady's of Shankill. Results will be on posters around the village and in the Herald GAA page every Tuesday. Full details and rules of the draw are available on request.

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D16A/0086 SEEKING PERMISSION 11/2/16
William Maguire, 1 & 2 Quinn's Road, Shankill
Convert and extend 2 existing ground floor commercial units into 2 apartments. Renovate and extend existing first floor 3 bed unit.
APPLICATION WITHDRAWN 19/2/16

D16A/0106 SEEKING PERMISSION 22/2/16
D16A/0506 SEEKING PERMISSION 11/7/16
Siobhan Cuffe, The Lodge, Carric Golligan, Quarry Road, Shankill
New 2 storey dwelling house. Existing vehicular entrance off Quarry Road to be shared with The Lodge.
PERMISSION REFUSED 1/9/16

D16A/0510 SEEKING OUTLINE PERMISSION 12/7/16
Michael O'Sullivan, Brooklands, Ferndale Road Old Connaught
Demolition of existing house, construction part 2/3 storey, 32 bed space residential development. Decommissioning of existing septic tank etc and installation of new waste water treatment system.
DECLARED INVALID14/7/16

D16A/0551 SEEKING OUTLINE PERMISSION 27/7/16
Michael O'Sullivan, Brooklands, Ferndale Road, Old Connaught
Demolition of existing house and construction of a part 2/part 3 storey building comprising of 8 x 2 bedroom apartments. Decommissioning of existing septic tank etc. and installation of new water treatment plant.

RDAC 001/2016 REVISED DISABILITY ACCESS CERT.
Suzanne Widger, 23 Corbawn Drive, Shankill
Addition of 14.6 sq.m extension of existing Montessori.

D16B/0302 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID14/7/16
Maurine King, 104 Rathsallagh Park, Shanganagh Road, Shankill
Demolition of existing single storey extension to side, including boundary wall. Proposed 2 storey gable end extension with single storey extension to rear, all to side/rear.
D16B/0346 RE-APPLIED 10/8/16

D16A/0537 SEEKING PERMISSION 20/7/16
Lorraine O'Reilly, The Old School House, Ballycorus Road, Kilternan
Part demolition of existing 2 storey/single storey house retaining the original single storey 'Old School House' and its conversion to double garage and gym. Stand-alone dwelling with attic level and new replacement sewage treatment plant. Relocation and provision of vehicular entrance and closing off existing entrance.

D15A/0826 PERMISSION GRANTED ON APPEAL 11/7/16
Ardvarna Lodge, Falls Road, Shankill
Construction of new 2 storey with single storey wing, detached, 2 bedroom plus study dwelling house.

D15A/0502 PERMISSION REFUSED 26/7/16
Florin Strimbu, Site East of entrance to Lisanroe and Brooklands, Commons Road, Loughlinstown
Amendments to permission D09A/0800.
APPEAL AGAINST REFUSAL OF PERMISSION 7/8/16

D16A/0413 PERMISSION REFUSED 27/7/16
Bill & Aoife Byrne, Brides Glen Road, Rathmichael
Erection of 2 storey extension to existing house including a Granny flat. Demolition of adjacent existing house. New waste water treatment system.

D16A/0414 PERMISSION REFUSED 28/7/16
Woodcote Developments Ltd, site at Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael
Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 28 dwellings etc.

D16B/0245 PERMISSION GRANTED 29/7/16
Tracy Byrne, Melmore, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael
Extension and alterations to existing 2 storey dwelling.

D15A/0809 REFUSAL OF PERMISSION UPHELD ON APPEAL 18/7/16
Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael
Construction of 50 dwellings etc.

D16A/0572 SEEKING PERMISSION 4/8/16
Board of Governors, St Gerards School Trust, St Gerards School, Thornhill Road, Bray
Erection of aluminium and glass 'Geodesic Dome' structure 5.26m high on concrete base, new extended footpath etc.

D16A/0579 SEEKING PERMISSION 5/8/16
Edwin & Zita Whittaker, Site to side of Mornington Lodge, Rathmichael Haven, Rathmichael
Demolish existing detached dormer house to side and construct new 2 bedroom detached 2 storey over semi basement house with 2 proprietary waste water treatment systems, one for existing house, new vehicular access.
DECLARED INVALID 10/8/16
D16A/0649 RE-APPLIED 2/9/16

D16A/0429 REFUSE PERMISSION FOR RETENTION 2/8/16
Nicole Daly, 40 New Vale Cottages, Shankill
Retention of mobile home for 2 years for habitable purposes.
APPEAL AGAINSAT REFUSAL OF PERMISSION 29/8/16

D10A/0335/E SEEKING EXTENSION OF DURATION OF PERMISSION 4/8/16
Michele McAteer, Administrator of Estate of Liam Maye, Eaton Brae House, Eaton Brae, Shankill
Permission sought for construction of 14 new houses. Demolition of freestanding buildings, improvements to entrance junction, new entrance gates, 31 car parking spaces etc.

D11A/0275/E SEEKING EXTENSION OF DURATION OF PERMISSION 16/8/16
John Brady, Saint Anne's, Main Street, Shankill
Part demolition of derelict shop at ground and part demolition of dwelling at ground and first floor, retaining front elevation and roof facing Main Street. Demolition of 2 storey storage building at rear. Redevelopment of a 2 storey mixed retail and residential development to provide 2 retail units at ground floor, 3 x 2 bedroom apartments at first floor, 13 car spaces, 5 of which for residential use etc.

D16A/0642 SEEKING PERMISSION 1//9/16
Tudor Homes Ltd, Aubrey House, Quinns Road, Shankill
Construction of 2 x 4 bedroom 2 storey houses including parking for 4 cars. Up grading and widening of existing vehicular/pedestrian access and entrance from Quinns Road.

D15A/0845 PERMISSION GRANTED 1/9/16
Kieran and Margaret Hynes, 202A New Vale, Shankill
New vehicular access onto Lower Road.

D16A/0217 PERMISSION FOR RETENTION GRANTED 31/8/16
Justin McCarthy, 6a Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael
Extensions to side and rear.

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